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REPORTS ON SCHLEY.

Condemned on Eleven Points by Majority of the Court.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The report of the Schley court of inquiry was promulgated by Secretary Long tonight. There are two reports. Admirals Benham and Ramsey concur in the first, which is signed by Admiral Dewey, also as a matter of form. Admiral Dewey makes a separate report, although he agrees that the findings of the facts subscribed by the others.

The majority report condemns Admiral Schley on 11 points, while Admiral Dewey sustains him in most particulars. The majority opinion finds in brief that Admiral Schley should have proceeded with the utmost despatch to Cienfuegos, and maintained a close blockade; that he should have endeavored to have obtained information of the Spanish squadron there; that he should not have made the retrograde movement; that he should have obeyed the department's orders; that he should have endeavored to capture the Spanish vessels in Santiago; that he did not do his utmost to destroy the Coon; that he caused the squadron to lose distance in the loop of the Brooklyn; that he thereby caused the Texas to back; that he did injustice to Alderson; that his conduct in the campaign was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise; that his official reports on the coal supply were misleading, and inaccurate; that his conduct during the battle was self-preserved, and that he encouraged in his own person his subordinates.

Admiral Dewey in his report says that the passage to Cienfuegos was made with all despatch; that in view of his coal supply the blockade of Cienfuegos was effective; that he allowed the Adula to enter Cienfuegos to see if it could be captured; that he was the senior officer off Santiago, in absolute command, and entitled to the credit of the victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

Ottawa Is Favorable

Dominion Government Willing to Assist British Columbia's Policy of Development.

Hon W. C. Wells Pleased With Results of Visit to Eastern Canada.

Bright Outlook For the Pulp Industry, Mining and General Business.

Hon. W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, who arrived from the East on Thursday night, was warmly welcomed home by his many friends so that his progress yesterday morning from his hotel to his office was so frequently interrupted by those who stopped him to shake hands and compliment him on his improved appearance, that it seemed he would never get there. On arriving at his office he of course found such a formidable accumulation of work awaiting him that for a moment he was inclined to wish himself back East. There was but one way out of it, so he resolutely set to work at the piles of correspondence and other matters which claimed his immediate attention. His deputies and the whole staff of the department were well pleased to see him in his accustomed place, for besides being a favorite with all his subordinates, his presence relieves them of a certain sense of responsibility inseparable from the absence of the chief of a great branch of the public service. Mr. Wells looks as if the Eastern trip had agreed with him, all his old time alertness of look and carriage has been restored and he seems fit for any amount of hard work.

Seen by a Colonist reporter yesterday afternoon, Mr. Wells spoke freely of his trip, and of some of the most important matters which he had discussed with Eastern railway men, capitalists and merchants. During his stay in Ottawa he had several conferences with members of the Dominion cabinet on questions of vital interest to the future of the Canadian Northwest, and he said that he found them very well disposed to give British Columbia and her requirements their most serious consideration. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues seemed fully conversant with the importance of the development of British Columbia, not only in the light of local requirements, but from the broader national point of view which makes it absolutely necessary to throw open the vast resources and possibilities of the province. They were specially impressed with the importance of the Coast-Kootenay road, the Vancouver Island railway, and the northern connection with the Canadian and Northern continental railway. They took upon the Coast-Kootenay railway as an absolute necessity to the development of the great Similkameen and Kootenay districts, and it was the duty of the Provincial government to demonstrate still further the importance of that road, not only as giving more convenient and cheaper transportation facilities to the terminal cities of Vancouver and Victoria, but that it is the best possible means by which to develop the country at large.

Regarding the construction of the line the Ottawa ministers complimented the Provincial government on their wise policy of having a thorough survey of the route made. They took upon that step as one of the most necessary preliminaries to construction, for it places the government in possession of reliable data which will enable them to submit precise terms for the building, and puts the question of a feasible pass beyond the realm of doubt. A very high authority remarked to Mr. Wells on that point, "that before the survey was made they had been talking to air, but now have a substantial basis for negotiations," and these Mr. Wells says, will be pushed with all energy and despatch by the government.

The importance and the feasibility of the transcontinental railway was the subject of discussion between Mr. Wells and many prominent railway men who have a great interest in the subject. It seemed of all the schemes talked of, to meet with the most general favor and approbation. The government will feel that they have accomplished a very important step when they have completed negotiations for the construction of this end of the line.

Mr. Wells found that considerable interest was taken in the legislation of the provinces bearing on the encouragement of the pulp industry. There is a growing demand for this important article of commerce which exceeds the expectations of the Eastern manufacturers and capitalists. In some cases the total output of pulp and paper has been contracted for fully a year in advance. This state of affairs can lead to but one result, and that is that British Columbia must be looked to in the near future as the most favorable field for operations in this industry. The Northwest may for a time be under some disadvantage from foreign competition, but that will be compensated in other respects. The lack of capital which is now lying idle in the East awaiting investment, must in itself necessitate looking beyond the Eastern provinces, and it only required the legislation of last session to insure to British Columbia the establishment of a pulp and paper industry of this important and growing industry.

Asked as to the probability of the Dominion government contributing to the cost of the Fraser river bridge, Mr. Wells said the matter had been represented to the Ottawa cabinet, but the importance of the undertaking had been fully explained and they seemed impressed with the reasonable expectations of the province in regard to it. As soon as the tenders are received and the government are informed as to the exact cost of the work, it is their intention to make a claim upon the Dominion for a contribution. In this they will only be following a well established custom, which has become a matter of policy with the Dominion in other provinces where the federal government has given millions in aid of similar works. The distinctive feature of the New Westminster bridge is that it will be international in importance as well as meeting the growing demands of local traffic.

While in the East Mr. Wells had many inquiries regarding immigration to the province, and he said that the territories are getting more immigrants and of a better class than ever before, and one of these days the tide will set in towards British Columbia. He was pleased to see that during his absence Mr. Gosnell had completed the arrangements for the colonization of Malcom island with Pims. There are two other

similar propositions now before the government, which it is hoped will be brought to as successful a termination within the next few months. The government are losing no opportunity of inducing immigration, but they feel that certain requirements must be considered and provided for before a great stream of immigration can be reasonably expected. There are three distinct features to be dealt with—the arid lands of the dry belts, which must be irrigated; the Fraser river lands, at present embraced in the dyking system; and the timber areas. The importance of determining just what can be placed at the disposal of immigrants cannot be overestimated, and to encourage immigration under improper conditions might prove more disastrous than otherwise. The immigration question must be handled not only advisedly, but on well considered plans, that will contribute to advantageous settlement. It can scarcely be claimed that British Columbia is situated, in this respect, as favorably as portions of the North West Territories requiring for that reason all the more careful consideration of the government.

Mr. Wells found, everywhere, a great deal of interest expressed in British Columbia. Inquiries as to our industries, prospects, and expectations were numerous, and all those who professed to know anything about the province expressed the fullest confidence in its future. Wholesale men are looking to the West for their business. They contrast the many "hand to mouth" orders which they receive from Eastern customers with the generous ones sent from the West, the smallest of which seldom runs below a carload. The Western trade is the trade worth having and they are all reaching out for it. Another fact noted was that these gentlemen testified to the invariable promptness with which Western men met their engagements.

Eastern people are possessed of the most unswerving faith in our mines, but they deplore the fact that the industry has been checked by labor troubles. They expressed gratification at the fact that these were rapidly vanishing and hoped that nothing might intervene to revive the trouble.

Mr. Wells said he had enjoyed the trip, as he had met many old friends and had seen much that was interesting, but the weather was far from pleasant, part of the time, and he was glad to get back to the more genial air of the coast. He is well pleased with the result of his journey from a provincial point of view as he considers that he succeeded in further interesting some very prominent men in the country, and he feels that the result will be to the benefit of the province.

Nicaragua Canal Bill

Text of Measure Reported to Congress of the United States.

Gives Full Control and Authority to Build the Waterway.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Hepburn bill on the Nicaraguan canal, as finally agreed upon and ordered reported today, is as follows:

1. Be it enacted, etc., that the President of the United States be, and is, hereby authorized to acquire from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua for and in behalf of the United States, control of such portion of territory now belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, as may be desirable and necessary, on which to excavate, construct and protect a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movement of ships of the greatest tonnage and draught now in use, from a point near Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua, to Brito, on the Pacific ocean, and such sum as may be necessary to secure such control he hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2. That when the President has secured full control over the territory in section 1 referred to, he shall direct the Secretary of War to excavate and construct a canal and waterway from a point on the shore of the Caribbean near Greytown, by way of Lake Nicaragua, from a point near Brito, on the Pacific ocean. Such canal shall be of sufficient capacity and depth as that it may be used by vessels of the largest tonnage and draught now in use, and shall be supplied with all necessary locks and other appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Brito, and the Secretary of War shall also construct such terminal and commodious harbors at the terminus of said canal and such provisions for defence as may be necessary for the safety and protection of said canal and harbors.

3. That the President shall cause such surveys as may be necessary for said canal and harbors, and in the construction of same may employ such persons as he may deem necessary.

4. That in the excavation and construction of said canal the San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua or such parts of each as may be available shall be used.

5. That in any negotiations with the states of Costa Rica or Nicaragua, the President may have, the President is authorized to guarantee to such states the use of said canal and harbors upon such terms as may be agreed upon, for all vessels owned by said states or citizens thereof.

6. That the sum of \$10,000,000 is hereby appropriated out of the money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated toward the project herein contemplated, and the Secretary of War is further hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for materials and work that may be deemed necessary for the proper excavation, construction, defence and completion of said canal at harbors and defence, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be hereinafter drawn on warrants signed by the President, not to exceed in aggregate one hundred and eighty million dollars.

Mining Shares

Cariboo-McKinney

We have received telegraphic news today that the Cariboo in Camp McKinney has struck high grade ore in the lower levels, and that they are drifting on rich ore. These shares have been manipulated down to 14 and 15 cents, but they should now advance to 25 or 30 cents again. They used to sell at \$1.75.

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Growing Commerce

Canada's Foreign Trade For November Shows Another Big Increase.

For Five Months Aggregate Far Exceeds Similar Period Last Year.

Col. Evans Keeping Vacancies in Mounted Rifles For Yukoners.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received a message from Mr. J. G. Colmer, of the High Commissioner's office, today, stating that Lord Strathcona is much better and is making excellent progress.

During November the exports of Canada amounted to \$24,148,419, an increase of \$2,373,277. The imports were valued at \$17,448,239 an increase of \$3,643,086. The aggregate trade for five months was \$189,843,322, an increase of over \$13,000,000.

Col. Evans has reserved a few vacancies in the Mounted Rifles for some Yukon volunteers now on their way out. Over 250 applications have been received for commissions in the Mounted Rifles.

A cable to His Excellency today announced the death at Thaba N'chu of Trooper R. S. Tooko, of St. Helens, Ont., from enteric fever.

BANK CLEARINGS.
 All Canadian Cities Show Increases for the Week.

New York, Dec. 13.—The following are the weekly clearings of the principal cities in Canada as compiled by Bradstreet for the week ending December 12, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year: Montreal, \$19,313,492; increase 40.4 per cent. Toronto, \$15,572,573; increase 32.7 per cent. Winnipeg, \$4,820,330; increase 74.5 per cent. Halifax, \$2,026,510; increase 25.4 per cent. Vancouver, \$905,390; increase 74.4 per cent. Hamilton, \$822,220; increase 2.5 per cent. St. John, N. B., \$871,890; increase 13.4 per cent. Victoria, \$876,355; increase 51 per cent. Quebec, \$1,586,156.

Toronto Dec. 13.—Failures for the week were 17, against 20 for the same week of last year, according to Dun's report.

LAST CHANCE.
 Chili Makes a Final Proposition to Argentine Republic.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 13.—(via Glyceron Texas)—Despatches received here from Santiago de Chili say that Senor Yanez, Chilean minister of foreign affairs, handed to the minister of the Argentine Republic, Senor Portella, the bases of a new proposition to effect the impartial settlement of the dispute between the two countries. If the bases are refused by the Argentine Republic, Chili will make no further propositions. The refusal of the Argentine Republic will be taken as indicating that the country desires war.

EXTENSION.
 Operations on New Stoppings Reported About to Commence.

Nanaimo, Dec. 13.—(Special)—It is reported here that operations are to commence on new stoppings between the tunnel and closed stoppage at Extension in order to flood stoppages Nos. 2 and 3. This stopping will be put in about 35 feet from that now on, as at that point good connection can be made with solid rock on each side.

WILL STAY IN.
 H. M. Whitney Does Not Intend to Sell Out Interests.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—H. M. Whitney today emphatically denied that he is selling out his interests in either the Dominion Coal or Dominion Steel companies.

SEASONABLE APPOINTMENT.
 Senator Snowball to Be Next Governor of New Brunswick.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Senator Snowball is to be the next lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick.

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CALLING OUT CONSCRIPTS.
Chili Taking Precautions Against Trouble With Argentine Republic.

London, Dec. 13.—The Times, in its second edition today, publishes a dispatch from Valparaiso, under today's date, announcing that decrees have been published calling out a sufficient number of conscripts and territorial guards to place 30,000 men at the disposal of Chili to protect the mountain passes.

DEPOSIT REFUNDED.
Cannons Gets Most of His Money Back From Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The harbor commission this morning decided to refund W. J. Cannons, the Buffalo elevator promoter, \$47,000 of the \$50,000 which he deposited as evidence of good faith when a site was granted him on the harbor front for a million bushel elevator, but which he subsequently failed to build, after having broken ground, owing to the failure of the syndicate to obtain money to carry out the project.

COLLEGE COMBINE.
Move to Amalgamate Maritime Province Institutions.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—The governors of King's college, together with representatives of every leading college in the Maritime provinces, held a meeting behind closed doors yesterday to discuss the advisability of the amalgamation of their interests and forming a Maritime Province college, which would compare with McGill University at Montreal. A committee was appointed to look into the question.

HANGED.
Joseph Lepaine Executed at Montreal Jail.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Joseph Lepaine was hanged at 8 o'clock this morning at Montreal jail for the murder of Mrs. Louis Leveque, with whom he boarded on May 15 last. The murder was the result of jealousy. Unsuccessful efforts were made to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment on the ground that Lepaine was insane, but the government refused to interfere.

PRICE OF COPPER.
Rio Tinto Too Strong for Rockefeller to Fight.

London, Dec. 13.—The directors of the Rio Tinto company have been meeting here daily, though quite informally, since the copper crisis became acute. A reporter of the Associated Press was officially informed after today's meeting that whatever settlement may be arrived at now lies entirely with the amalgamated company. The Rio Tinto company has made a proposition, but so far has received no indication of the action the amalgamated company proposes to take. It is believed that the conditions will not be altered in the immediate future.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that if Mr. Rockefeller has really thrown down the gauntlet to the Rothschilds, which the paper thinks highly probable, there can be little doubt of the Rothschild victory. The Pall Mall Gazette adds: "The Rio Tinto company are in the position to regard with equanimity a further drop of twenty shillings per ton, but not so the Standard Oil company, who have to consider the possibility of a general smash of the American market."

Rio Tinto's fell three-eighths at the opening today, but subsequently regained this and slightly improved on last night's price.

ENGINE DRIVERS' PAY.
Conference Between Officials and C. P. R. Locomotive Engineers.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special)—A conference between the Canadian Pacific railway locomotive engineers, has been in conference with the officials of the transportation department for the last few days, discussing the question of the schedule rates of engineers on branch lines, with a view to bringing their rates up to near the wages earned by the main line men. It was stated this morning that the conference had been of a friendly nature and amicable arrangements had almost been reached and were likely to be announced in a day or two.

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**Burned to Death
In Their Shack**

Mrs. Keeler and Child Lose Their Lives in Fire at Ross Bay.

Old Man Escapes in His Night Clothes Just in Time.

The shack in which the Keelers lived on Dallas road, facing Ross bay, was destroyed by fire last night, and Mrs. Mary Ann Keeler and the child were burned to death, their charred remains being found in the cinders of the destroyed shack. Old man Keeler escaped in his nightshirt, and was found standing at the gate, gazing in a dazed manner at the burning shack by Herbert Hobbs, son of the keeper of the Old Men's Home. He was placed in a hack, and his wife had been taken to the scene by the blaze, and taken to the Old Men's Home. He was wringing his hands and wondering what had become of his wife and child. Later the searchers found their charred bodies, burned until they were unrecognizable, heaped among the ruins of the destroyed shack, in which the Keelers have for some time made their home.

The cause of the fire is unknown, for nothing is left but a heap of cinders to mark where the house stood, but the general supposition is that the Keelers upset a lamp. According to the neighbors, they were quarreling earlier in the night, for Mrs. Keeler and her children, who passed the Keeler residence about 8:30, says she heard them using very bad language and scolding. Others told of quarreling between the Keelers. The survivor, the old man, says that he and the woman and child retired at 8:30 p.m., and he was awakened by the crackling of the burning timbers to see a fire in flames. He ran out and stood at the gate of the fence which surrounded the house, dazed and hardly knowing what to do.

The building burned quickly, and hardly had the old man left it in his nightshirt when it was consumed by flames, and the victims of the flames must have been quickly overcome. It was about 10:15 when the fire was seen from the city, and Chief Watson dispatched Assistant Chief H. McDowell to investigate, for there was no alarm. Mr. McDowell hurried to the scene in the buggy, and found that the house had been all but destroyed before he arrived. Keeler had been found and taken to the Old Men's Home, and several people were searching the bush and fields nearby for Mrs. Keeler and the child, but no trace could be found, and it was not until the fire died down and the search among the cinders showed the charred trunks of the victims of the tragedy, that their fate was known.

Keeler was taken to the city lock-up last night, and the bodies of the two victims of the fire are now at the morgue. An inquest will be held either today or Monday.

The shack which was destroyed was that in which Mr. Gray lived before his death. Keeler took up their residence there. It is not long since the former occupant of the place was found dead, having fallen over the cliffs which stand at the back of the beach across the roadway from the cabin.

The Keelers have been well known characters of this city for several years, having come here five or six years ago from Vancouver and taken up their residence in the old immigrant sheds near the outer wharf, which were burnt down about a year ago.

STOPS THE COUGH AND WORKS OFF THE COLD.
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

MRS. MCCARTHY HUNG UP.
Toronto Street Robber Grabs Her Purse and Bolts.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—(Special)—As Mrs. Dan McCarthy alighted from the belt line car at Sussex avenue, last night, a man, dressed in a dark suit, stepped away her muff, which contained her purse. The miscreant bolted down a nearby lane and got away.

FAULTY CRUISER.
Halifax, Dec. 13.—(Special)—H. M. S. Indefatigable, which has been undergoing repairs in the dry dock here, will be completed next week. The repairs will cost \$135,000. Shipping experts are surprised at what they call the frailty of the vessel, which is a ship brought to light since she was docked. They claim that the timbers are light and her plates unusually thin, and that the same absence of strength in construction was brought out in the recent torpedo boat destroyer disaster here.

ABRUS MAIL REGULATIONS.
Parents Must Go to Vancouver to Be Despatched on Overseas Steamers From Victoria.

The ridiculous mail regulations enforced in this city—a feature of which was recorded yesterday morning regarding the delay of Northern mails—is again illustrated in the matter of the steamer going to the coast. The steamer, which is a mail, is made the distributing point, and although steamers may sail from Victoria with the mail, that mail, when it is classed as parcel post, cannot be put on board the steamer here. It must be sent to Vancouver, and brought back again to Victoria, for such are the absurdities of red tape. Thus when the steamer Miosera sailed yesterday for the Antilles she carried only the parcels mailed at the Victoria post office later than Thursday evening, as those mailed yesterday could not be despatched to Vancouver in time to catch the Miosera there, and the regulations forbid of their being placed on the steamer at the outer wharf last night with the letter mail. Thus, through the ridiculous absurdities of the postal arrangements Victoria is greatly handicapped.

It is not long since Vancouver was made the distributing point for the mails, and the conditions are brought about as that old yesterday when the steamer Toos arrived here 12 hours before the mail she brought from the North, owing to its delay at Vancouver.

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Scrofula

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Glandular tumors, abscesses, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions, sore ears, inflamed eyelids, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, readiness to catch cold and inability to get rid of it easily, paleness, nervousness and other ailments including the consumptive tendency—
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Local News
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Band Meeting.—For West lodge, K. of P., held their regular meeting in their hall on Broad street, last evening. The old by-laws were taken up and several members had the third degree conferred upon them.

A Hold-up Man.—Guy Temple, while going home from the city on Thursday night, together with another boy, was held up in James Bay district by a man, who, spring from behind a fence, ordered the boys to hold up their hands. Instead of doing so, the boys ran, and report that some time afterwards they returned and saw a man, whom they believe to be the same, trying to climb up to a window of a house on Menzies street. He ran away on seeing the boys.

Band Dance.—There were about 100 couples present at the dance given by the City band in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. The hall was prettily decorated with bunting and the floor was in fine condition for dancing. An orchestra of 12 pieces supplied the latest popular music, and the result was so encouraging that it has been decided to give a dance every month during the season.

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THE INTERCOLONIAL.

Brief mention was made in these col-
umns a day or two ago of the effort of
the Halifax Board of Trade to persuade
the Dominion government to hand over
the Intercolonial Railway to the Cana-
dian Pacific. The stock argument in
all Intercolonial Railway matters was
relied upon, namely that the line does
not pay. We know it does not pay
directly, but we are not prepared to
admit that it does not pay indirectly.
Still less are we prepared to admit that
it may not become a profitable asset of
Canada, judged even from the mere re-
venue point of view. So far from favor-
ing such a proposal, the Colonist would
gladly support a measure to broaden the
scope of the Intercolonial and make it
for the whole of Canada what its found-
ers intended it should be for the original
provinces of the Confederation, that is
a commercial link between all parts of
the Dominion.

At present the Intercolonial connects
the Cities of Halifax and St. John with
Quebec and Montreal. The Quebec con-
nection is not complete for want of a
bridge but this defect is likely to be
soon remedied. There are a number of
towns along the line of the road, but it
was not well located from the stand-
point of local traffic. It has a good
many feeders in the Maritime provinces,
and there are portions of it, notably
the line between St. John and Halifax,
which must pay very well, but it cannot
be claimed that the local business of
New Brunswick, and Quebec has
developed as was expected. There is
plenty to maintain a local railway, but
not one of the standard of the Inter-
colonial. It must be remembered that
great changes have taken place in rail-
way matters since the Intercolonial was
built, and it is no discredit to the
projectors of the line to say that they
could not have anticipated the degree
of expense that would be necessary to
enable the line to compete with others.
Moreover one of the principal reasons
for building the line, namely, the de-
velopment of interprovincial trade, was
rendered less effectual than it would
otherwise have been by the construction
of the line of the C. P. R. across
the State of Maine, whereby the distance
between Montreal and the seacoast of
the Maritime Provinces was materially
reduced. This has compelled the govern-
ment road to compete over a greater
distance with the C. P. R., to the mani-
fest disadvantage of the former.

No one need hesitate about admitting
that in a direct sense the Intercolonial
has been a failure, but this is no reason
why the road should be handed over to
any private company. The question
presents itself to us in this way: Canada
has a line of railway, owned and oper-
ated by the government, and to a certain
degree a competitor with the other main
lines of communication. This ought
under proper management to be a pub-
lic advantage. We say "under proper
management" not to suggest that the
management has not been proper hith-
erto, but simply as qualification necessary
in speaking of any undertaking. If this
government line is not as valuable as
it might be, and if the returns from
it are not as satisfactory as the people
would like, the proper course to take is

to strengthen the line by giving it new
connections. If the road has not at
present sufficient business, the govern-
ment ought to do what a company,
financially able, would do in similar cir-
cumstances, that is, extend the line into
new fields from which business can be
drawn. It was for this reason that the
line was extended into Montreal. It is
for this reason that it has connections with
Sydney, Cape Breton, are being im-
proved. Probably these augmentations
of the capacity of the road will in the
course of not a very long time enable
the line to pay its way, but speaking
from a Western standpoint, we submit
that the government should do more,
and should reach out for a larger share
of Western business, until the time
comes when the Intercolonial shall be
the Eastern portion of a transcontinental
system.

The line now ends at Montreal. Our
claim is that it should be extended to
Georgian Bay at the earliest possible
day. This can be done by the acquisition
of the Canada Atlantic. From
Georgian Bay the road can make good
connections with the West, and we
submit that the way to do so is by
putting on Lake Huron and Lake Su-
perior car ferries after the style of
the Pere Marquette, which plies across
Lake Michigan. Our suggestion is that
the Huron ferry should ply to a point on
the north shore of that Lake near the
Sault Ste. Marie Canal, and that a
short land line should be built across
the narrow neck of land separating
Huron from Superior, and that when
the latter lake is reached the ferry
should transfer the cars to any point
on that lake having a railway terminus.
As the Canadian Pacific has its own
land line and lake passenger service, it
would necessarily not co-operate with
the government line, but the Canadian
Northern has no eastern outlet of its
own, and traffic arrangements could
doubtless be made with it. Moreover
the Canadian Northern is not yet com-
pleted, but will be before Parliament
asking for subsidies to enable it to ex-
tend its rails to the Pacific Coast, and
we submit that, when this time comes,
Parliament can make its subsidy condi-
tional upon the arrangement that the
Intercolonial with its lake and rail line
to the seaboard shall be the traffic
ally of the western line and shall ex-
change business with it. We are stat-
ing the proposition in a crude way, but
readers will know what we mean. Such
a plan could, we submit, be so carried
out that the Intercolonial, owned and
operated by the government, would con-
trol a transcontinental line, and so place
Canada in the unique position of having
a line from ocean to ocean with the man-
agement of which the representatives of
the people would have something to say,
and from the profits of which the re-
venue of Canada would derive some ad-
vantage.

The Toronto Globe discusses the mat-
ter from a more local standpoint than
we have done, but reaches the same con-
clusion, namely that the government
should retain the line. What it says
will be of interest here, because it is
said that the Halifax Board of Trade
will ask the various Boards throughout
Canada to express themselves on the
subject. We quote the Globe:

While it was a purely local concern,
with but little prospect of yielding a
profit to the Dominion, the line was
not a suggestion of removing it from
the control of the Railway Department.
But now that it is a force in the trans-
portation business of eastern Canada,
a feeder, and an artery, and an inter-
link between the commercial metropolises
and the Atlantic ports, it has assumed
a more attractive aspect. The mer-
chants and manufacturers of Eastern
Canada should consider well the differ-
ence between a railway service main-
tained for the accommodation of the pub-
lic and one maintained with a single
eye to the earning of dividends. An
entirely different policy would be adopt-
ed on the Intercolonial if it should pass
under Canadian Pacific management.
The secret discriminations practised ex-
tensively on all railways under corporate
control would soon be felt. Services
not profitable to the company would be
discontinued without regard to the con-
venience of shippers or of the traveling
public. The discriminations adopted to
favor the boats of the company on the
upper lakes might be used for similar
purposes in the Maritime Provinces. In
fact, the transfer of the road would put
the eastern provinces completely under
the domination of the Canadian Pacific
Railway, and create that state of af-
fairs which is causing serious discus-
sion in the west. It is not an adverse
reflection on the Canadian Pacific Rail-
way to say that it is operated in the
interests of its shareholders, nor that its
uncontrolled monopoly results in serious
abuses. Such evils as have developed
are inherent in the system that has been
allowed to grow up. We must absolute-
ly refrain from creating or strengthen-
ing transportation monopolies. We
have demonstrated our ability to con-
trol those already in existence. The
wording of the resolution of the Hal-
ifax Board of Trade, and the provisions
attached, suggest that it was the result
of a compromise between divergent
views. But it deals with one of the
most important features of our trans-
portation problem. At the present time,
and in the light of current tendencies
in regard to the management of highways,
the transfer of a railway from public to
private control would seem a retrograde
step. A railway system like the Inter-
colonial is too important and valuable
a possession to be lightly parted with,
especially while it may be used to bring
pressure on private corporations other-
wise apparently beyond public control.

The Globe caused leading business men
of Toronto to be interviewed and while
some of them said they had not given
the subject much consideration and
rather evaded a direct expression of
opinion, none of them appear to have
been in favor of the project while the
most of them strongly condemned it. We
are glad the subject has come up, for
its discussion may bring the future of
the Intercolonial and its bearing upon
the development of Canada under the
notice of the public as it could have
been brought in no other way.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Manila Times of October 28 does
not give a very rosy picture of the pros-
pects of the pacification of those is-
lands. It tells of the spread of insur-
rectionary uprisings and says the
gravest apprehensions are felt for the
future especially in Cebu, Samar
and Leyte, which though not the
largest are among the most impor-
tant members of the group. A
correspondent of the Manila paper,
speaking of General Smith's policy in
Samar says: "The Americans are indif-
ferent whether the island has to be de-
vastated or not." And again: "The in-
surrection must be crushed at any cost,
and General Smith is intent upon a
severe policy, the word being 'No quar-
ter for Lukan'—'Shoot but never cap-
ture'—'No surrender accepted.'" This

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exceedingly severe course is being taken
notwithstanding efforts by Lukan's
friends to arrange terms of surrender.
In view of this, it is not very clear
what ground our friends across the bor-
der have for finding fault with the com-
paratively indulgent methods adopted by
Lord Kitchener in South Africa. It is
said, and no one will be surprised, that
the harsh tactics of the United States
commanders are driving many Filipinos
into the field, and it is a sad comment
upon the administration of affairs that
districts, that were said to have been
fully pacified are now almost as badly
disturbed as ever.

Our irrational neighbor across the
streets says that the following question
propounded by this paper to itself is a
reflection upon Mr. Bodwell's motives:
"Now will the Times inform us if Mr.
Bodwell knew the line (that is the part
of the V. V. & E. now under construc-
tion by the Great Northern) would be
built would be subsidized or not?" What
earthly bearing has this upon Mr. Bod-
well's motive in pressing the demand of
his clients for a subsidy? If our con-
temporary will tell us, we will endeavor
to show that it has no such bearing.

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any one in Nanaimo whom they may
wish to talk with. The enterprise of
the company in putting in this line will
no doubt meet with its proper reward.

The clouds are getting thick over
South America. It seems as if it
would be next to impossible to keep
Chile and Argentina apart any longer.
The statement is made that Colombia
will cast in her lot with Chile, but Co-
lombia is a long distance away and has
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hardly like to weaken herself at home
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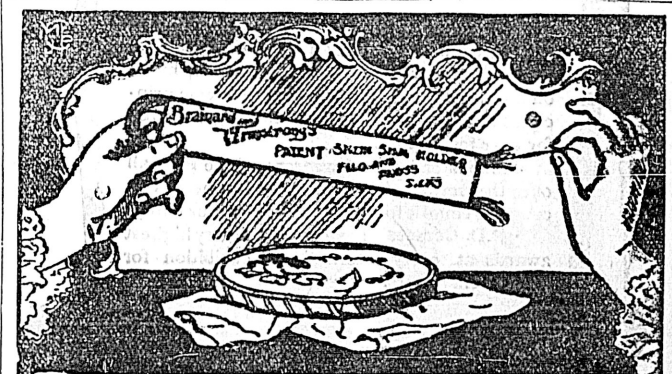
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The Clearance Sale at "The Sterling" will continue until the entire stock is disposed of.

A Presentation.—The officers of the Warship, before her departure from Esquimalt for England, presented Mr. and Mrs. Bridges, of Comox, with a souvenir, in the form of a large marble and silver clock. It was given as a token of appreciation of kindness shown to them during the visits of the flagship to Comox.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Raymond took place at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, from the family residence on Belleville street. There were a large number of beautiful floral offerings. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barradough, and the pall-bearers were: Messrs. H. Dallas Helmen, M.P.P., Noah Shakespear, Lawrence A. Goodwin, J. Galbraith, J. Keown and W. G. Cameron.

Changing Offices.—The C. P. R. company, at the beginning of the New Year, will take over the office at present occupied by A. W. More, on Government street. The Royal Bank of Canada will occupy the premises vacated by the C. P. R. It is said the well known broker will move to the MacGregor block and occupy the office of the Similkameen company. The C. P. R. will make some alterations and improvements in their new premises before moving.

Meeting of Creditors.—The creditors of Thomas Earle held a formal meeting yesterday afternoon. The assignee explained that the meeting had been called in order to comply with the law, and asked that an adjournment be taken as he had no statement to present, not having had sufficient time to make a thorough examination of the accounts. A staff of accountants is working day and night on the books and Mr. Robertson hopes to be in a position to lay a full statement of the affairs before the creditors at an early date.

Cable Buildings.—Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, of this city, has prepared the plans for the buildings to be erected at the cable station on the West Coast of the Island, and he will shortly call for tenders. The main building will have a frontage of 200 feet and a depth of 120 feet. It is T-shaped, one wing being for the offices and the other a sort of hotel for the 20 employees to be stationed there. It will have all the conveniences of a hotel. There will also be a bungalow for the manager and a laundry building. These buildings will be lighted by electric light and there will be a water service from a mountain stream.

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Cases Heard Before Magistrate in the City Police Court Yesterday Morning.

Most of the cases set for hearing in the city police court yesterday had to be adjourned until this morning, as Chief Langley was busy at the meeting of the licensing commissioners. Besides, the argument as to whether the money seized in the raid on the Chinese gambling house on Sunday should be returned to the Chinamen occupied considerable time. Mr. A. C. Anderson appeared for the Chinamen and contended that the money must be returned. It was seized by Detective Perdue, who saw the sack containing it sticking out of the pocket of one of the Chinamen, who was fined \$20. The magistrate held otherwise, and the money goes to the city. His authority for his decision is contained in sub-section 2 of section 575 of the criminal code, which reads as follows: "The justice before whom any person is taken by virtue of an order or warrant under this section may direct any cards, dice, balls, counter, tables, or other instruments of gaming, or used in playing any game or betting, or any such instruments or devices for carrying on a lottery or for the conducting or carrying on of any such scheme, contrivance or operation, or any such lottery tickets, so seized as aforesaid, to be forthwith destroyed, and any money or securities so seized shall be forfeited to the crown for the public uses of Canada."

The hearing of the charge of assault against R. McPhadden was finally continued and McPhadden was fined \$10. The case of Thomas Spain, charged with stealing \$81 from the proprietress of the International hotel on Johnson street, was remanded until Monday. An application was made for bail, which was allowed in the sum of \$500. Spain was endeavoring yesterday to get some responsible party to go on his bond. Four Chinamen charged with an infraction of the wash house by-law by spouting water on clothes from their mouths, were remanded until today. A resident of Victoria West, W. Walker, was charged with refusing to support his wife. The case was adjourned until Tuesday. A charge against a small boy of a breach of the peace by swearing was dismissed.

Closing of Schools.—Next Friday the schools will close for the Christmas holidays, which will last until the Monday after New Year's Day. There will be no promotion lists. There may be transfers to preserve uniformity in the different divisions, but this is liable to occur at any time during the term. The High school entrance examinations will begin next Monday, and the results will most likely be made known during the holidays.

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Third Letter

From Santa Claus



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Well, I just jumped into my sleigh and put my deer to their best speed, and made a dash at them. It would have pleased all my little friends to see how they ran when I charged, and how they did shout for me to spare them, when I got to close quarters. These cruel fellows had taken a pretty little English girl captive. I managed to rescue her with great difficulty, and will try and bring her along with me to "TIP GROTTO."

My Deer and myself are quite done up after such a terrible day, but we will be all right in the morning; then, ho, for Victoria and "The Westside."

Give my best love to all my dear little Victoria friends and believe me

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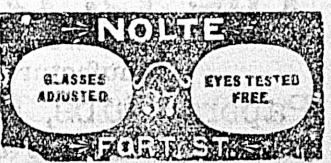
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Mrs. Haven's Second Letter.
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to express my gratitude for what you have done for me. I suffered for four years with womb troubles. Every month I flowed very badly. I got so bad that I could hardly do my work. Was obliged to sit or lie down most of the time. I doctored for a long time, but obtained no relief. I began using your remedies—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Blood Purifier, Sanative Wash and Liver Pills—and now feel like a new woman."—Mrs. EMMA HAVEN, 2508 South Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa. (Feb. 1, 1900.)

\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special permission. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.

Movement on Foot to Equalize Wages on Canadian Systems.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A movement is on foot among telegraph operators, which aims at the equalization of wages paid by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk and a general advance in remuneration of this class of employees all over Canada. Organization officers have left Montreal for the purpose of traveling over both systems in order to ascertain the feelings of the men employed in various centers. It is claimed that the G. T. R. may less than the C. P. R., but what is aimed at is the establishment on both systems of a minimum wage for operators of \$50 per month.

PERMISSION TO WASH.

But the Western Man Was Not Grateful to Young Officer.

The following story is told about a Strathcona trooper:
The British had reached the Crocodile river after three weeks' hard fighting, and the men were informed that they might go to the river to bathe. The trooper, however, appeared on the ground as spotless as if on parade and with an eye-glass stuck in his eye. He was rolling his head, there, and everywhere, something after this style: "Hill you fella! what are you doing? Some back here!" One of the company troopers walked up to the young officer and said: "Please, sir, may I go and wash my hands?" "Yes," was the reply; "go and wash your dirty body. You know the Crocodile, eh? You both me?" "Oh," said the trooper, "you were showing such authority that I thought perhaps you owned the Crocodile river." The trooper was immediately placed under arrest for insubordination, and the story getting around the camp, Col. Steele, at the court-martial, asked Butler to let the man tell his own story. The trooper appeared before the court in courtly breeches, with his shirt

sleeves rolled up, and commenced like this: "General, we've had a hard day's march, haven't we?" "Yes," replied Butler, with a smile, "but you must not wear that uniform to the river." "We came along the Crocodile river," he said, "and I saw a sign that said 'Wash Here.' You call it a river, but in our country we call it a stream. You see that young thing over there pointing to the young officer, who still wore his monocle, 'he was orderin' everybody about, and when I asked him if I might wash my hands, he told me to wash my body, too, and asked me why I spoke to him about it, and I told him I thought perhaps he owned the river. There was nothing more in it than that." The court smiled and the order was, "Right about turn! Join your regiment!"

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THE NEHALEM WAX MYSTERY

New Light on Subject Which Has Caused Much Antiquarian Speculation.

At the last meeting of the Natural History Society, Mr. J. R. Anderson, read the following letter and newspaper article, which caused much speculation as to the origin of the mysterious wax and the specimen of unknown wood.

Portland, Ore., November 30, 1901. J. R. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.:

Dear Sir,—I mail you today under separate cover a small piece of the Nehalem Wax and also a piece of the wood of the supposed ship that the wax came in. I regret that I could not get you a larger sample. If you wish to follow up the data on this subject you will find two articles in the Evening Telegram of this city under date of November 5, 1899 and January 4, 1900. Also a 300 page book entitled "Nehalem—A Story of the Pacific, A. D. 1700, by Thomas H. Rogers." J. K. Gill & Co., of this city can furnish you a copy if your book store cannot. If you could tell what kind of wood this is I would be glad to know. The sample came from a timber one foot square, and was found six to eight feet under the quicksand, one quarter of a mile from the present shore line. Thanking you for courteous attention during my brief visit to your beautiful city, and with best wishes,

I am, yours truly,
L. L. HAWKINS.

A valuable addition to the free city museum has been secured by Colonel Hawkins. It is a piece of the historic beewax from Nehalem, which has puzzled scientists and geologists and opened a wide field for speculation. The block of wax Colonel Hawkins has secured has inscribed upon it Latin characters. "What puzzles those who have studied this subject is the vast quantity of the wax found scattered along the beach. There are tons of it in a distance of 50 miles. From the fact that it was found embedded in the sand above where the highest tides reach, the date of its deposit is judged to be several centuries back, probably before America was ever known to the civilized world.

In the October number of the Native Sons' Journal, Samuel L. Clark has a very interesting article regarding the Nehalem wax.

"When Lewis and Clark wintered at the mouth of the Columbia—not quite a century ago—they learned the fact that the wax was found in the hands of natives," says the writer. "In 1814, one Henry, connected with the fur trade, who traveled and wrote of what he saw, published a book in which he stated that beewax had been dug out of the sands and was found drifting on the ocean shore, to his great wonderment. It is thus evident that the memory of living men goes not back to the time when this beewax was not known to the natives of the mouth of the great river.

"My personal acquaintance of it goes back to 1870, when my family made a summer trip from the Willamette to Tillamook, 50 or 60 miles south of the Columbia, and brought back small pieces of the beewax, as also various traditions concerning the ancient wrecks that might have left it there. The bones of two wrecks were then to be seen at the mouth of the Nehalem river, that enters the ocean a few miles north of Tillamook bay.

"The Indians then occupied their ancient fishing grounds and hunted in the Coast range adjoining. Their story of historic wrecks varied. The sands of Nehalem seem to have rivaled Scylla and Charybdis to the element to danger, for they reversed the story of a Chinese junk that met its fate on one side of the entrance, from which a number were saved. These lamented their fate and wept bitter tears as they looked over the sunset seas toward the shore of the Orient, where the waves were chanting the anthem of the 'Never-more,' as friends unavailingly awaited their homecoming. But in time they made homes and found wives, leaving descendants whose almond eyes tell of their Oriental origin to this day.

"Since returning from Astoria I have

seen in possession of Mr. Adolph De-kum another block, also broken, with these same marks, also part of a capital figure of same size the block having broken off through this figure. Mr. De-kum also has the lower part of a great taper 2½ inches at the base, 10 inches of length remaining; the top has been broken off. The wick in this is not all gone; usually the wicks have rotted and there is a cavity where the wick once was. He also has a 10-inch piece of a small taper.

"The Indians have legends of several wrecks that occurred in the olden time. The identity of the one that had the beewax is the important question. So long as only indistinct marks were found it was imagined that the Chinese junk would do; but as soon as other markings were discovered, then I knew that the Chinaman was not an interested party.

"Mr. Howell's story was, that seven years before 1805, there was a very high wind without rain, that blew away the loose sand on the ridge 300 yards from his ferry. That he saw something left exposed and found it to be the corner of a block of beewax. He dug it out, and found a large block, the same as had been washed on the shore by the tides. He dug and found more; kept digging and found several tons of it in all shapes, sorts and sizes. Some had been run into boxes or kegs; a part was in the great squares or parallelograms.

"A number were marked with large capital 'I. H. S.' with a cross, evidently standing for 'In hoc signo' (in this sign.)

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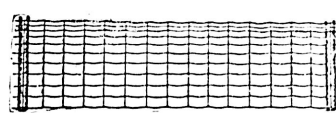
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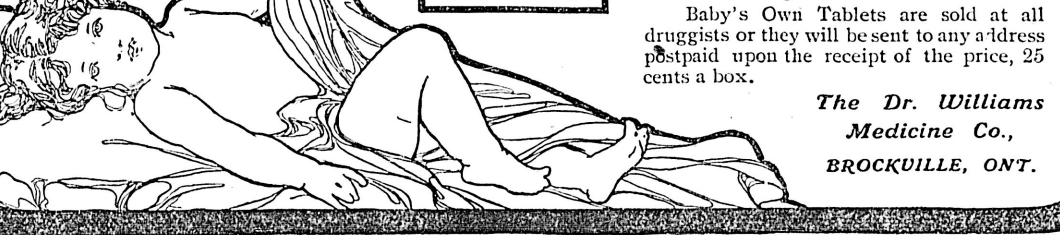
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PUSS'S TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

There was a banquet in Chicago not long ago, to which one of the guests, a lawyer, had taken his office cat, a feline being the emblem of the organization that gave the dinner. The banquet was given in the Great Northern Hotel, where the cat the lawyer had taken to the dinner became lost. The next day the lawyer called up the hotel on the telephone, and asked if they had lost a cat. He was told that the bell-boys had hunted all around among the cats kept as rat-catchers in the hotel, and that they had finally selected four cats, one of which they felt sure belonged to the lawyer.

"Well," said the lawyer, "I haven't time to come over and pick my cat out. Just hold those animals, one by one up to the telephone receiver, and pinch their tails and make them yowl."

One of the bell-boys dutifully held up the cats to the telephone, and made each one of the felines give a good resounding yowl. The lawyer dismissed each cat until the third cat was put up to the receiver. It gave one yowl, when the lawyer enthusiastically exclaimed:

"Yes, all right; that's my cat. I know that voice. Send him right away."

So the cat was sent over to the lawyer's office, and turned out to be his missing pussie.—Chicago Tribune.

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President Roosevelt was once traveling to Idaho and passed a bookstore. In the window of which was a copy of his "Winning of the West" he saw the book store he inquired: "Who is this author, Roosevelt?" "Oh," said the bookseller, "he's a ranch driver." "And what do you think of his book?" asked the President. "Well," said the dealer, slowly and deliberately, "I've always thought I'd like to meet the author and tell him if he had stuck to running a ranch and given up writing books he'd have made a powerful move of a success at his life."

Uncle-Jess, Charles: I had the foundation of my fortune by saving cat fares. Swear that, New York, I don't know you ever drove one, uncle—Punch.

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PERSONALS.

A. G. McCandless, D. R. Ker, R. J. Ker and E. M. Rattenbury were among the Victorians returning from the Mainland last night.
R. M. Palmer, Inspector of fruit pests, was a passenger from Vancouver last night.
Capt. Christiansen returned last night from the Mainland.
Capt. S. F. Mackenzie and P. J. Wheeler arrived from Vancouver last night.
G. M. Leishman returned from the Mainland last night.
E. Burns, H. Darling, J. Burns, Jr., W. E. Burns, J. E. Garrett, E. Cook and J. Coote, all of Vancouver, registered at the Dillard last night.

They differ as to religion. Why, I didn't suppose that either of them cared a rap about religion. Well, they didn't, until they found out that they differed as to it.—Life.

MINING EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by A. W. More & Co., Ltd. 80 Government Street.)
Toronto, Dec. 13.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange today:

	Asked.	Did.
Am. Canadian (Alice A.)	7	3
Black Tail	11½	10
Canadian G. P. S.	4½	3½
Cariboo McKinnay	14½	14
Cariboo Hydraulic	\$1.10	\$1.00
Centre Star	31	25
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	\$80	\$75
California	5	3
Deer Trail Con	3	2½
Fairview Coal	24	23
Golden Star	3	3
Giant	26	13
Iron Mask	3	2½
Morrison	27	20
Mountain Lion	27	20
North Star	6	4½
Oliver	16	14
Payne	65	60
Hemlock Cariboo	20½	25
Republie	12	9½
Virtue	5	3
War Eagle Con	12	9½
Winipeg	5	3
Wonderful	3	3

TORONTO SALES.

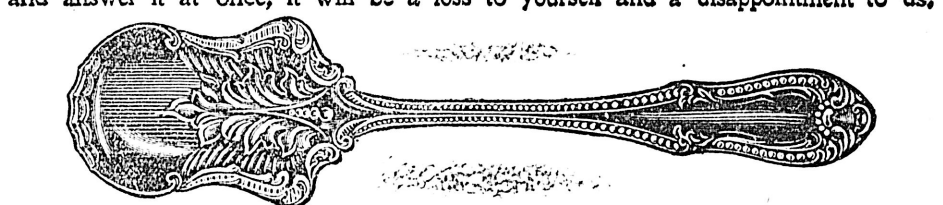
Virtue, 500 at 25.
North Star, 600 at 24.
Fairview, 2,000 at 23.
Cariboo McKinnay, 500 at 14; (W. D. 5-600 at 14).
Republie, 600 at 4.
Deer Trail, 625 at 23.
ROSSLAND SALES.
Winipeg, 1,500 at 23.
Fairview, 2,000 at 23.
Centre Star, 500 at 31½.
Cariboo McKinnay, 2,000 at 13½.
Giant, 1,000 at 12½.
War Eagle, 4,000 at 12½.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 13-8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.



The barometer has fallen considerably and the temperature has risen over Northern British Columbia, while off the Oregon coast there are indications of another approaching high area which may cause unsettled milder weather at first, followed by fairer weather. Sharp frosts have again spread southward to California, while in the Territories the temperatures range from 20 to 30 below zero.

TEMPERATURE.	Min.	Max.
Victoria	32	42
New Westminster	32	42
Kamloops	16	26
Barkerville	10	24
Winnipeg	4	22
Calgary	32	48
Portland, Ore.	28	34
San Francisco	42	54

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Saturday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, chiefly southerly, unsettled and milder with occasional rains.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds unsettled and milder, with occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.	Deg.	Max.	Min.
5 a. m.	35	42	30
Noon	39	46	34
5 p. m.	39	46	34

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m. S. by E. 10 m.p.h.
Noon S. by E. 10 m.p.h.
5 p. m. S. by E. 10 m.p.h.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—0.1 inches.
Barometer at noon—Observed—30.214
Corrected—30.352

N.W. WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected—30.238

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YUKON COAL SEAMS.
Sale of Find Near White Horse Tas. Been Carried Through.

Fred. B. White, of the N.-Y. Trading company, arrived from White Horse on Wednesday, and will be in town for some weeks. Mr. White confirms the reported sale of coal measures 12 miles from White Horse, the purchasing firm being The More Investment company, of Seattle, and in consideration of the neighborhood of \$350,000, the first payment of \$10,000 having been made just before the recently returned Victorian left White Horse. The seam is reported to be 12 feet thick and outcrops on a high bench nearly 2,000 feet above the town. The coal has been gotten out in ample quantity to test, and has given the best of results. A wagon road has been prepared to the mine and a tunnel has been started into the seam, which has a dip of about 30 degrees.

Owing to an ice jam in the river this little burg by the Yukon's rapids came nearly to a standstill. An ice bridge formed below the town about the middle of November, and the river, opposite White Horse rose six or eight feet, where it remained for some weeks. But a short time after a second jam, about a mile above the town gave way, and in consequence there was a further sudden rise in the water of nearly two feet, which took place in half an hour. This had the effect of swamping the lower portion of the town and put the lighting company out of business, as their premises were flooded. A few more inches would have resulted in the washing away of one of the new \$200,000 river steamers, which is now on the stocks at White Horse. The waters rose two feet on her paddle wheel, but fortunately a decline in the river saved the boat.

White Horse is now, according to Mr. White, a neat little place of about 900 people, and is constantly growing, a great future for the town being looked for in the development of the rich copper veins in the neighboring district.

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**TELEPHONE
TO NANAIMO**

Line Was Formally Opened Yesterday Afternoon By Mayor Hayward.

Victorians can now communicate with Nanaimo by long distance telephone. The line was completed on Thursday afternoon, but was not put into operation until yesterday afternoon when Mayor Hayward of this city and Mayor Manson held a short conversation and formally opened the line. The line is apparently a splendid one, there being no difficulty in carrying on a conversation, every word being plainly heard.

On Thursday evening members of the Colonist staff had an opportunity of testing the line, but no announcement was to be made of the completion until the formal opening had taken place. In formally opening the line Mayor Hayward said, "The people of Victoria send you a message of greeting and goodwill and congratulate you upon the opening of the line which is now declared open."

Inter-course both socially and commercially."

President McQuade of the Board of Trade also spoke over the line and then Mayor Manson replied.

Mr. Kent, the superintendent of construction, received the very hearty congratulations of all on the very successful carrying out of the enterprise. It will be a great convenience to all who have dealings between the two cities. There will be stations along the line which follows the Victoria-Nanaimo wagon road, at Goldstream, Sooke lake, Shawinigan lake, Cobble hill, Duncan, Chemainus and other places when business warrants it.

Members of the Colonist staff enjoyed a pleasant chat over the telephone with the editor of the Nanaimo Herald last night. The line was in perfect order and every word could be heard with perfect distinctness.

Last evening the genial Boniface of the Dravid bar was agreeably astonished on answering the telephone to have a voice at the Nanaimo end of the wire to order an oyster cock tail. The would-be customer was Manager Kent of the Telephone company, who instructed Mr. Minster to have the delectable decoction ready for him on the arrival of the noon train today.

Anything going on this evening? Yes; there's to be a performance at the Athletic Gardens. A fellow will undertake to subdue a killing six men. He's to do it in one hour or forfeit \$1,000.—Chicago Tribune.

Why doesn't Carnegie buy those Danish West Indians and give them to Uncle Sam for a Christmas present?

SPORTS FOR THIS AFTERNOON

Number of Football Matches to Be Played Here Today.

This afternoon at the Caledonia grounds, an association football match will be played between the Garrison and Victoria, being the second match between these two clubs this season, and should be the most closely contested one of the series. The last game resulted in a draw, and as Victoria has not been beaten this season and the Garrison only once, and then only technically, today's game is looked forward to by all football enthusiasts with a great deal of pleasure. If Victoria wins, they will tie the Garrison for first place, but if they lose, the Garrison will hold a lead of four points.

The Garrison team has been considerably strengthened since the new company arrived here, with several new players who have the reputation of being exponents of the game among the army, and the Victorians although determined to play for victory, are not too confident, as the Garrison team is practically an unknown quantity, tomorrow being the first appearance on the football field of a large percentage of the team. Johnson will again play half-back for Victoria, this being his first game here this season.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance, as excellent football is assured. Mr. Townsend will act as referee, and the kick off will be at 3 o'clock sharp.

The following players will represent Victoria: Goal, Jones; backs, Goward and Schweigens; half backs, Johnson, J. W. Lorimer and Rutherford; forwards, York, Livingston, S. Lorimer, J. Lorimer and Simpson.

JUNIOR MATCH.

The High school and Northwestern teams will meet at Bowen Hill this afternoon in a Junior League match.

The High school team is as follows: Goal, W. Patterson; full backs, A. Harrison, C. Wilson; half backs, C. Kinkaid, H. Thompson, T. D. Newcombe, T. Harrison, R. McInnes, R. L. Netherby (Captain), A. Anderson, W. Kelly, Reserves, B. Teague, F. Campbell and V. Croden.

The following team will represent the Boys' Brigade this afternoon in the match with Victoria West: Goal, Lovelace; full backs, Haughton, A. Belov; half backs, Jamieson, Temple, Johnson; forwards, J. Belov, Pedler, Hoze, Dunn, Parrett, Jack Lawson will act as referee.

INTERMEDIATE RUGBY.

The Victoria Intermediates are determined to be in first class trim when they visit Vancouver on the 23rd, and with this end in view, a practice will be held at Oak Bay park this afternoon, when the following players are requested to be on hand at 2 p. m.: C. Newcombe, S. Shanks, S. Patton, W. Blackburn, H. Marchant, A. Levy, W. Redfern, W. Heath, W. Sweetland, E. Milne, W. Newcombe, H. Jesse, D. Willemar, A. Clayton, H. Taylor, C. Goward, A. Newcombe, L. Foulke, R. Gibson, A. Corbett, R. Robertson, G. Elliot, W. Todd, B. Giddard, P. Harrison, J. Finlayson, G. Simpson, C. Kennedy, V. Harrison, R. McDonald, P. Andrews and C. Keefer.

SPORT NOTES.

The second monthly medal competition of the Victoria Golf club will be held at the Victoria Golf course on Sunday.

The Victoria Hunt club will meet at Colwood this afternoon for a cross-country run. The hares will start at 2:45.

COMMISSIONERS INVESTIGATING

St. George's Inn Case Still Before the Licensing Board.

The Board of Police Commissioners yesterday continued their investigations into the conduct of the St. George's hotel on the Esquimalt road. The principal witness was Rev. Gordon Turner, Methodist minister in Victoria West.

From observation he came to the conclusion that the hotel was a disorderly house, and that there was drinking there on Sunday.

Since the murder trial there had been an improvement, but he still thought the place should be done away with. Duncan B. Robertson was called but his evidence was to the effect that the house should be conducted in a properly conducted. The only noise he heard was such as might be made by hilarious sailors.

After an adjournment, Mrs. Rothwell, owner of the property, was called, and stated that the house had been a licensed hotel since 1860. A few years ago she had spent over \$6,000 on a new building. She had about three acres of property in the vicinity, and thought the value was being lost if the house was cancelled. She was a widow and the rent she received from the property was part of her income. There was a clause in the lease which provided that the house should be conducted in an orderly manner, or the lease would be cancelled. She had taken every precaution to protect the license and had never had a complaint about the manner in which the house was conducted.

Chief Langley testified that Mr. S. Roblin, the new lessee, had always conducted the Pioneer Rodeo saloon on Douglas street in a proper manner, and he conducted the St. George's hotel in the same manner he would consider him a proper person to hold the license. There had been one or two complaints about the St. George's Inn some months back, but before the police arrived everything was quiet. The man on the hotel was ordered to report any disorderly conduct and he had not reported.

At this stage the investigation was adjourned until Wednesday next.

What is said to be one of the earliest known maps of America has been discovered in the library of Wolfegg Castle, which belongs to Prince von Waldburg-Wolfegg. The map was drawn in 1607 by Martin Waldsee Muller, by whom America is said to have been named after the explorer Amerigo Vesputi.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—In last night's issue of the Times I see what I presume to be my name mentioned as one of those whose signature was attached to the resolution asking Mr. John Jay to become a candidate for the vacant seat in the Provincial Legislature; also that I was one of those who withdrew from said meeting and protests. Both of which I here most emphatically deny. As in the first instance, I know too well that no committee or delegation could bring any candidate out without first presenting him to the full body for acceptance, consequently I do not recall having been present at the meeting in question, so that the public will see "it would be hard for a man to walk out of a place where he was not."

W. M. WILSON.

THE CURE OF DEAFNESS.

(From the "Journal for the Deaf.")

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W. S. GORE.

Deputy Commissioner of Land and Works. Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 2nd November, 1901.

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